



## TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM ADULT MARCH OF THE LIVING FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Q: What is the March of the Living Program (MOL) and who participates in this experience?**

A: March of the Living is part of the single largest Jewish educational program for teens and adults in the world. The March of the Living will bring together individuals from 52 countries and regions around the world including Israel, Canada, Australia, Argentina, Brazil, Panama, Mexico, the USA, South Africa, France, Belgium, the United Kingdom, Hungary, Austria and Poland. Thousands of people from all over the world will spend time in Poland for the week surrounding Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Memorial Day. The trip allows participants to learn about the Jewish community that once thrived as well as encountering the present-day resurgence of Jewish culture and life in Poland. The time in Israel will allow participants to experience Yom HaZikaron, Israel’s Memorial Day and celebrate Yom Ha’Atzmaut, Israel’s Independence Day.

**Q: What are the dates of the Temple Beth Sholom Adult March of the Living Delegation?**

A: The official program begins on the morning of Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup> in Krakow, Poland. However, the program fee does include accommodation only on the evening of Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. The Poland portion of the program will end in Warsaw, Poland in the evening of Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. For those who are continuing to Israel, the group will leave Warsaw in the evening of Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> and will arrive in Tel Aviv early morning Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. The Israel portion of the program will conclude on Wednesday evening, April 29<sup>th</sup>. Each participant is responsible for their own flight arrangements to Poland and return from Israel if doing the complete program and, for the Poland portion only, the flights to and from Poland. If you are participating in both portions of the program, the flight from Warsaw to Tel Aviv is included in the price

**Q: How do I apply to participate in the Temple Beth Sholom MOL Adult Delegation?**

A: Complete the Temple Beth Sholom MOL application that will be found on the TBS website. Each delegation’s forms and procedures are specific. Do not register through any other website.

**Q: What is the program fee? \***

MOTL Trip	Cost
Participation in both Poland and Israel portions- Land costs and flight from Warsaw to Tel Aviv- (price includes accommodation at the hotel in Krakow on Sunday, April 19 <sup>th</sup> - prior to the official start of the program)-	\$5500
Poland portion only- land (NO FLIGHTS INCLUDED). (Price includes accommodation at the hotel in Krakow on Sunday, April 19 <sup>th</sup> - prior to the official start of the program)	\$3600
Single Supplement in Poland	\$1025
Single Supplement in Israel	\$660

Land prices do not include overseas travel to and from the USA. Please note there is a 3% service charge when paying by credit card. All fees are based on double occupancy, with a minimum of 35 people. Prices are subject to minor changes based on exchange rate fluctuation.



**Q: Is security a program concern?**

A: Security and safety are a high priority. MOL delegations travel with at least one-armed security guard per bus, and all site visits are checked daily. MOL International works with the highest levels of law enforcement and government in both Poland and Israel to ensure the security of participants.

**Q: What religious practices or expectations are there; is the food kosher?**

A: The program is set up to accommodate the religious needs of all its participants. All food in Poland and Israel is certified kosher.

**Q: Is the trip very strenuous?**

A: There is a fair amount of walking. It is important to wear correct shoes for being on your feet several hours a day. There are opportunities to rest. If you have concerns, please contact us.

**Q: If my passport is expired, or if I do not have a passport, what should I do?**

A: Passports can be renewed or applied for at your local post office. A copy of the picture page of renewed passport must be emailed or sent to Nicole in the temple office. Nicole's email address is [info@bethsholomlv.org](mailto:info@bethsholomlv.org) and the mailing address of the temple is 10700 Havenwood Lane, Las Vegas, NV 89135. Applicants need a valid passport with expiration date on or after Oct.29, 2020.

**Q: Should one purchase Trip Protection/Cancellation Insurance?**

A: The International March of the Living does not provide this type of insurance; however, it is **highly recommended** that you purchase a travel insurance policy that includes both medical and emergency evacuation coverage.

**Q: Is my March of the Living Trip considered tax deductible?**

A: MOL is not a tax-deductible item because there is in an exchange of goods and services.

**Q: Do you need a visa to enter Poland and Israel?**

A: US Citizens do not require a visa to enter either Poland or Israel. If you are a citizen of another country, please check with both the Polish and Israeli Consulates to see if a visa is required.

**Q: What is the itinerary for the program?**

A: The itinerary varies, but in Poland typically includes, Krakow, Auschwitz and Birkenau, Warsaw, Majdanek and Lublin. The time in Israel, commemorating Yom Hazikaron (Israel Memorial Day) and celebrating Yom Ha'Atzmaut (Israel Independence Day), includes visits to places of historical and contemporary significance.

**Q: Is this a really depressing trip?**

A: The MOL journey to Poland and Israel allows participants to encounter the richness and anguish of our past, the vitality of the present and the hope for our future. Visiting the sites in Poland, while filled with emotion, is also both positive and uplifting, because you will share moments of both sadness and joy with thousands of people from all over the world. The Israel portion of the trip is inspiring. Participants come away from MOL knowing that they have created long-lasting bonds and experienced a life-changing event.

**Q: If I have additional questions or concerns, whom should I contact?**

A: For specific questions about the Temple Beth Sholom Adult delegation, please contact Rabbi Felipe Goodman at [rabbi@bethsholomlv.org](mailto:rabbi@bethsholomlv.org) or (702) 804-1333. If you have questions about MOL, please contact Monise Neumann, National Consultant for International MOL at [monise@motlmail.org](mailto:monise@motlmail.org) - 818.621.0278 More information about MOTL can be found on the International March of the Living website at [www.motl.org](http://www.motl.org).